

Black Belt Action Commission Highlights

August 2004 - August 2006



- Selected Committee Projects
- Conducted County Tourism Inventory (Mkt & Tourism)



- Implemented National Emergency Grant For Deployed Veterans (Workforce Development)



- Conducted Black Belt Health Care Town Hall with over 700 citizens (Health)
- Acquired state funding for Children's vision screening (Health)



- Conducted Women's Health Clinics in Black Belt (Health)
- Assisted in Black Belt Implementation of Tutor.com (Infrastructure)

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2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005

- BBAC Kickoff Meeting with Governor Bob Riley
- Appointed Commissioners



- Organized committees
- Developed Project Selection Criteria

- Identified additional BBAC funding with ADECA Review Board (Infrastructure)
- Established Alabama Customized Employment Program (Workforce Dev)

- Governor Riley's Reception for Alabama Manufacturers (Manufacturing)
- Initiated action to raise priority of Hwy 80 maintenance (Transportation)



- Implemented Focused Industry Training (Workforce Development)
- Established Resolution for Alabama River 2005 Funding (Infrastructure)

- Conducted Health Needs Survey for all 12 Black Belt Counties (Health)
- Established first Sucamoochee Revue (Mkt & Tourism)

- Created Black Belt Eye Care Consortium (Health)



- Established Alabama's first Medical Reserve Corps (Health)
- Established Alabama Black Belt Superintendents' Coalition (Education)

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- Conducted Black Belt Grant Writing Seminars

- Conducted health insurance survey (Health)
- Began Alabama Tourism/DCNR tourism project (Mkt & Tourism)
- Conducted Black Belt Poetry Writing Contest (Cultural & Youth)

- Secured additional funding through congressional delegation (Infrastructure)
- Established About Face! Program (Workforce Dev)

- Conducted Economic Prosperity Summit (Infrastructure)
- Established Comprehensive Intensive Treatment for Youth (Workforce)
- Conducted Black Belt SOS Summit (Cultural & Youth)

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- Facilitated state dialysis rule change (Health)
- Conducted Black Belt health focus groups (Health)



- Black Belt Treasures Opening (Mkt & Tourism/Infrastructure)
- Established Black Belt Medical Reserve Corp (Health)



- Finalized Black Belt Fruit & Vegetable Processing Facility concept (Agriculture)
- Developed health information web-site (Health)



- BBAC First Anniversary Celebration
- Conducted Prevention and Wellness Days (Health)

- Recaptured \$1.5M for Black Belt infrastructure projects (Infrastructure)

- Partnered with local community to provide funding for West Alabama Public Transportation (Transportation)



- Drafted Fruit & Vegetable Processing Facility Business Plan (Agriculture)

- Established Black Belt Information Database (Communications)

- Assisted in establishing 211 Connect Service in Black Belt (Community Development)

- Opened additional Black Belt Nature Trails (Mkt & Tourism)

- Received Dept of Labor Grant for Workforce Innovation Regional Economic Development (Workforce)
- Secured \$82,000 grant thru Black Belt Arts Initiative to benefit 29 projects (Cultural & Youth)



- Promoted Individual Development Accounts (Community Development)
- Hosted Parks & Recreation Summit for Black Belt (Community Dev)

- Conducted Health Fairs in each Black Belt County attended by over 13,000 people (Health)



- Reinstated \$1.3M Medical Scholarship program (Health)

- Increased funding by \$550,000 for Rural Medical Pipeline Program (Health)
- Conducted Mentoring Workshop (Cultural & Youth)
- Conducted vision screening for over 8,700 Black Belt children (Health)



- Established Black Belt Clean-up Project (Mkt & Tourism)
- Collaborated with Alabama Youth Soccer to conduct Black Belt Soccer Clinics (Health)

- Established first interpretive kiosk in Lowndes County (Mkt & Tourism)
- Established National Heritage Task Force (Mkt & Tourism)

- Established Black Belt Superintendents' Coalition as 501c3 activity

